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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 3,5-9,11,12,14-18 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 3,5-9,11,12,14-18 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 3,5-7, 12 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyasaka et al (5,991,503).

Regarding claims 3 and 12, Miyasaka teaches an information processing method whereby a stream of a video packet comprising image data encoded in a frame or a field, image data encoded between forward directional frames or fields, and image data encoded between bidirectional frames or fields is received and recorded into a storage device, comprising the steps of:

detecting a first marker packet (header)which is sent just before a transport packet stream including said intraframe or intrafield encoded image from said received stream; and

identifying said transport stream packet including said intraframe or intrafield encoded image from said first marker packet (Figs. 6-7, column 9, lines 56-68.column 10, lines 1-25, column 11 lines 1-16).

Miyasaka further teaches a second marker packet which is sent just after said transport stream packet including said intraframe or intrafield encoded image is detected (Figs. 6-7).

3. Claims 3,6,7, 8,11,12 ,15,16,17, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al (6,628,890)

Regarding claims 3 and 12, Yamamoto disclose an An information processing apparatus (Fig1.) in which a stream of a video packet comprising image data encoded in a frame or a field, image data encoded between forward directional frames or fields, and image data encoded between bidirectional frames or fields is received and recorded into a storage device, comprising:

means for detecting a first marker packet (header) which is transmitted just before a transport stream packet including said intraframe or intrafield encoded image from said received stream; and means for identifying said transport stream packet including said intraframe or intrafield encoded image from said first marker packet (column 5, lines 1-25).

Yamamoto further teaches means for detecting a second marker packet which is transmitted just after the transport stream packet including said intraframe or

intrafield encoded image (second header of a subsequent picture packet of the stream , Fig. 3) .

Regarding claims 6 and 15, Yamamoto teaches holding means for holding recording position information at the head of said intraframe or intrafield encoded image data in said storage device on the basis of a result of said identification (column7, lines 30-55), column 8, lines 43055, column 10, lines 45-58).

Regarding claims 7 and 16, Yamamoto teach the apparatus according to claim 15, wherein upon reproduction, a recording unit including said intraframe or intrafield encoded 10 image data is reproduced from said storage device on the basis of said recording position information at the head of said intraframe or intrafield encoded image data, and a variable speed reproduction is performed (column 9, lines 20-68).

Regarding claims 8 and 17 , Yamamoto (6628890) discloses an information recording and reproducing method (Fig. 1) whereby a stream of a video packet comprising image data encoded in a frame or a field, image data encoded between forward directional frames or fields, and image data encoded between bidirectional frames or fields is recorded into a storage device on a unit basis of a predetermined number of recording units and said stream is reproduced from said storage device (column 1, lines 55-65, column11, lines 1-21), comprising the steps of detecting a first marker (header) packet which is sent just before a transport packet including said intraframe or intrafield encoded image from said received stream;

identifying the transport packet of said intraframe or intrafield encoded image data from said first marker packet;

adding information showing said intraframe or intrafield encoded image data on the basis of a result of said identification;

counting said added information showing said intraframe or intrafield encoded image data every recording unit into said storage device; and

adding a result of said counting every recording unit into said storage device (column 5, lines (1-22).

Yamamoto further teaches means for detecting a second marker packet which is transmitted just after the transport stream packet including said intraframe or intrafield encoded image (second header of a subsequent packet of the stream)(column 8, lines 35-45) .

Regarding claims 11 and 20, Yamamoto further teaches the method according to claim 8, wherein upon reproduction, the recording unit including said intraframe or intrafield encoded image data is reproduced from said storage device on the basis of a result of said counting added every said recording unit and a variable speed reproduction is performed (column 5, lines 25-45) .

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 5 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyasaka et al (5,991503) in view of Mercier (6,865,747).

Miyasaka fails to teach that the data packets are encrypted .

Mercier teaches a method for encrypting packet data (column 6, lines 56-68) . It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Miyasaka with Mercier by using a encrypting means as taught by Mercier with the apparatus of Miyasaka for encrypting the packet of Mahaska in order to protect the data packets from copying .

6. Claims 6 –7 and 15 –16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyasaka et al (5,991503) in view of Hirabayashi et al (6,002,834).

Regarding claims 6 and 15, Miyasaka fails to teach storing recording position information . Hirabayashi teaches recording position of the intraframes (Fig. 5, column 3, lines 15-25) . It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Miyasaka with Hirabayashi by using a storing means as taught by Hirabayashi with the apparatus of Miyasaka for storing the recording position information of intra frame thereby accurately access the intraframe when needed .

Regarding claims 7 and 16, Miyasaka as modified with Hirabayashi further teaches the method according to claim 6, wherein upon reproduction, a recording unit including said intraframe or intrafield encoded image data is reproduced from said storage device on the basis of the recording position information at the head of said intraframe or intrafield encoded image data, thereby performing a variable speed reproduction (see Miyasaka column 11, lines 35-65, column 12, lines 37-55).

7. Claims 5,9 ,14 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al (628890) in view of Mercier (6,865,747).

Yamamoto fails to teach that the packet data is encrypted .

Mercier teaches a method for encrypting packet data . It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Yamamoto with Mercier by using the teaching of Mercier for encrypting the packets of Yamamoto in order to protect the data packet of Yamamoto from copying .

Response to Arguments

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8. Applicant's arguments filed 15 December 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Miyasaka does not teach a second marker. In response the examiner disagrees. It is noted that Miyasaka teaches a stream that comprises a sequence of I picture packet, P picture packet and B picture packet (Fig. 7). Each picture data packet has a marker packet (header packet) comprising information for identifying the picture data following the header. The header of a P picture packet sent just after the I picture packet can be considered as a second marker. Further, it is noted that the first header and second marker are detected to identify the type of pictures.

Applicant argues that Yamamoto does not teach a second marker. In response, the examiner disagrees. It is noted that Yamamoto teaches a stream that comprises I picture packet, P picture packet and B picture packet. Each picture data packet has a marker packet (header packet) comprising information for identifying the type of picture (column 8, lines 35-45). Since the pictures are formed as a sequence of packets one after another and a header of one picture packet is sent just after another picture packet. The header of a picture packet can be considered as second marker of a preceding picture packet.

Conclusion

9. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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